

# AI-BASED IDENTIFICATION OF BINDER AND FIBERS IN 3D IMAGES OF NONWOVEN

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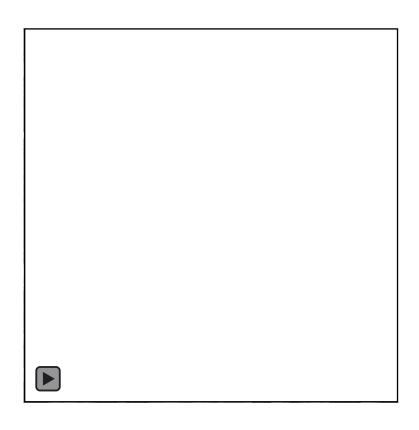
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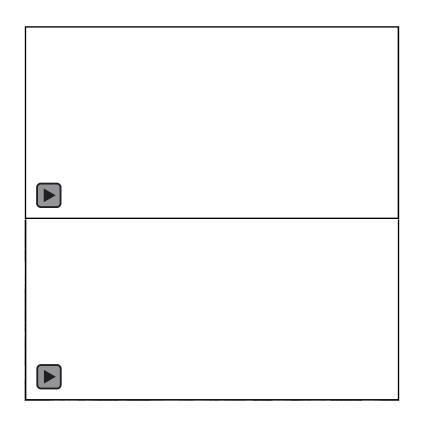






# LABEL MATERIALS & OBJECTS IN 3D SCANS







#### WHY LABEL INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS IN SCANS?

- Obtain grammage total, per material or per class of objects
- Output of objects as triangulation (.stl), CAD (.dxf), etc.
- Find number of contact points per objects
- Determine shape & dimensions of individual objects
- Compute object orientation distributions
- Etc. etc.



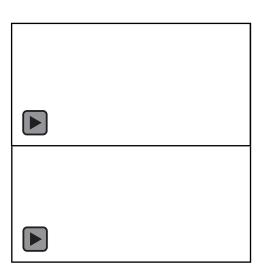
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- **Soon**: label scan (gray values) directly with Artificial Intelligence



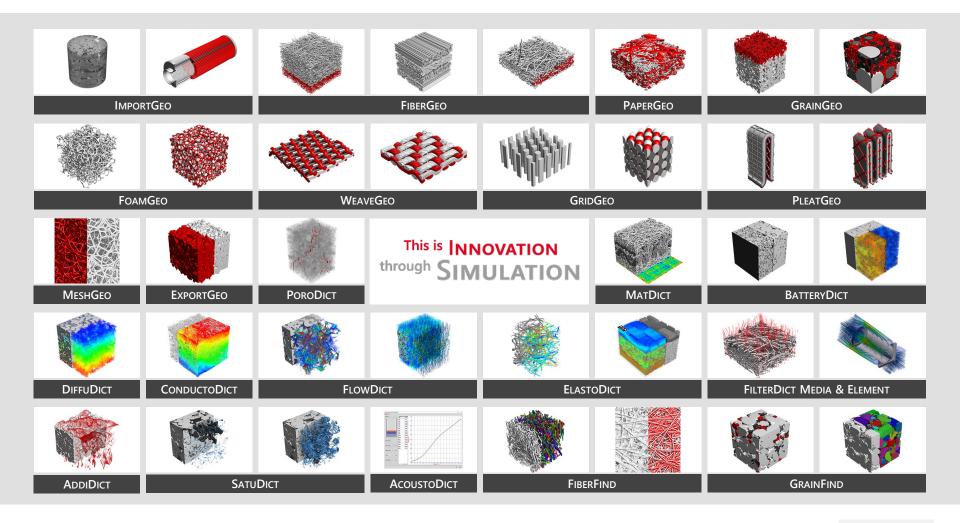
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- Soon: label scan (gray values) directly with Artificial Intelligence
- Al requires training data / ground truth
- Segmented training data can be created with GeoDict today
- Gray value images can be created with methods from Monday's presentation by Andreas Weber
- Those will be use to train the next generation neural networks in GeoDict





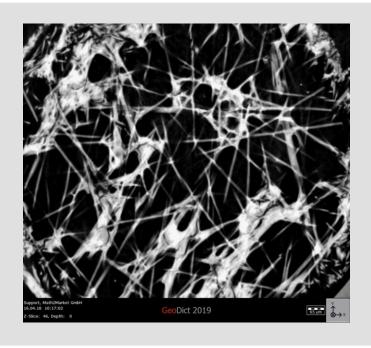
# GEODICT® MODULE OVERVIEW A RICH SOURCE FOR AI TRAINING DATA

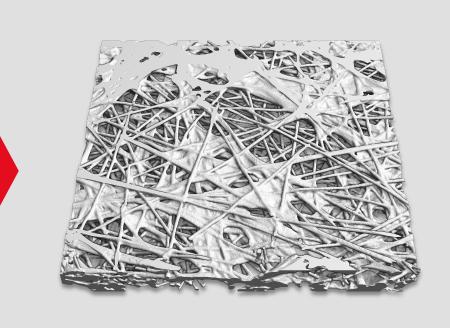




# **SEGMENTATION OF A SCAN**

### **GEODICT**





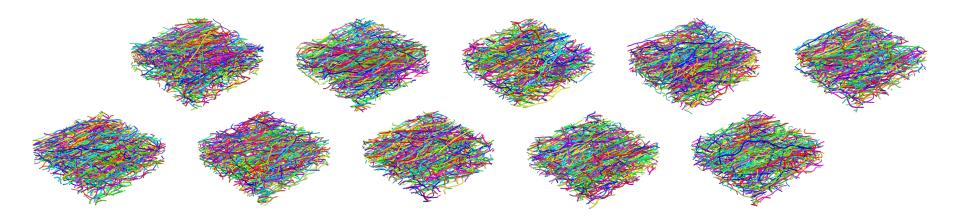
From stack of gray value slices

To 3-D empty / solid image



# DIGITAL TWINS PROVIDE GROUND TRUTH





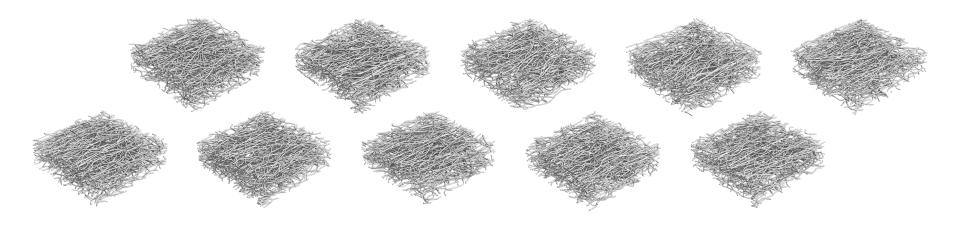
#### Training Data: Use GeoDict's unique fiber modelling capabilities:

- Modeled 10 Digital siblings (512x512x256 Voxels) as training data
- Varied fiber curvature, orientation, length and diameter
- Corresponded to ~1 billion solid voxels as training data points



#### DIGITAL TWINS MIMIC SEGMENTED SCANS

#### **GEODICT**

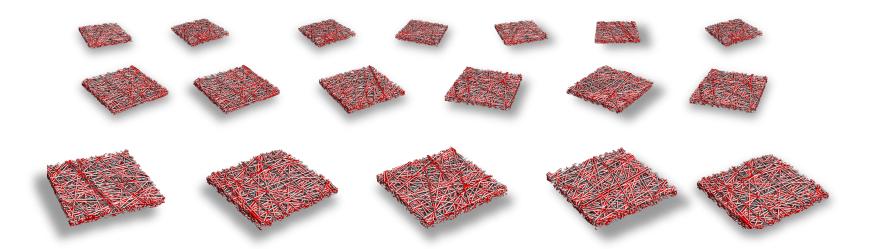


#### Training Data: Then make the models look like binarized scans!

 All fibers in the models get the same gray value, just as in the segmented 3D scans

#### DIGITAL TWINS ALSO WITH BINDER

#### **GEODICT**

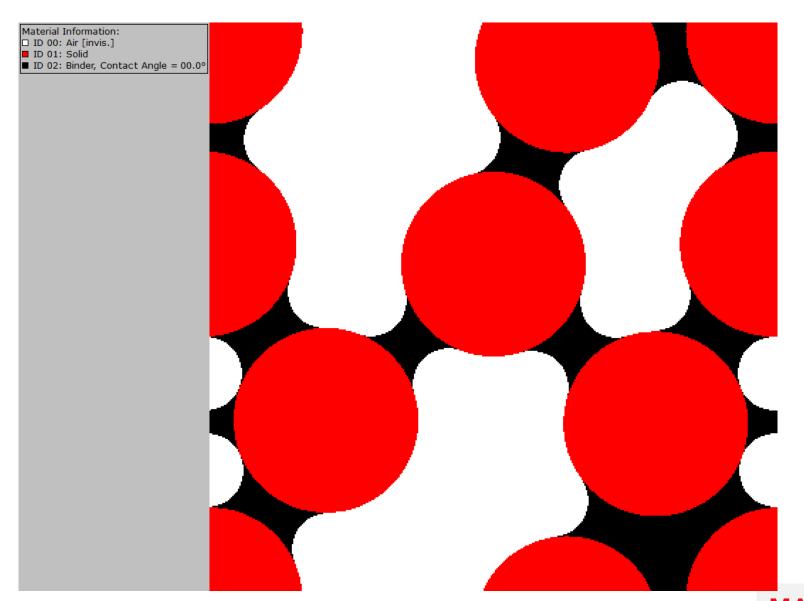


#### Solution: Use GeoDict's unique material modelling capabilities

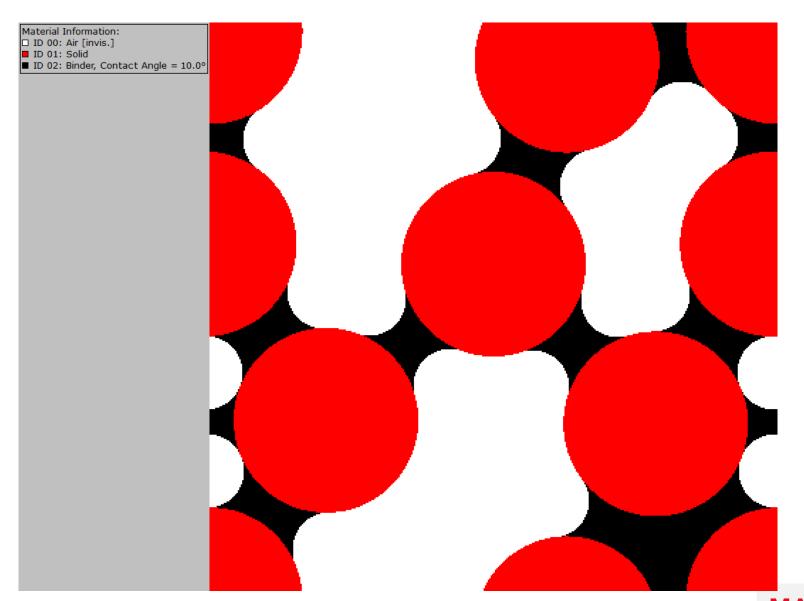
- modeled 18 Digital siblings (512x512x256 Voxels) as training data
- varied porosity, binder parameters as estimated for 4 different (Toray GDL) samples
- corresponds to ~800 million solid voxels as training data points



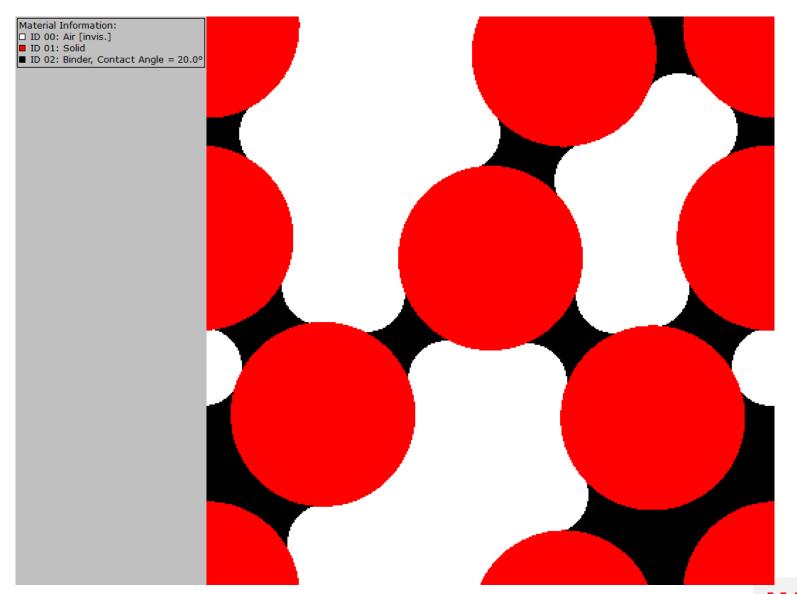
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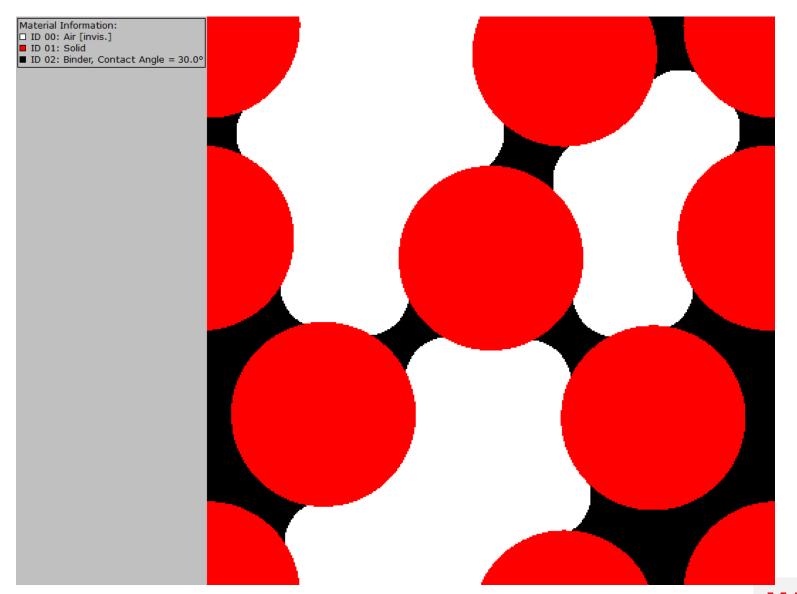
### ADDING BINDER: CONTACT ANGLE 10°



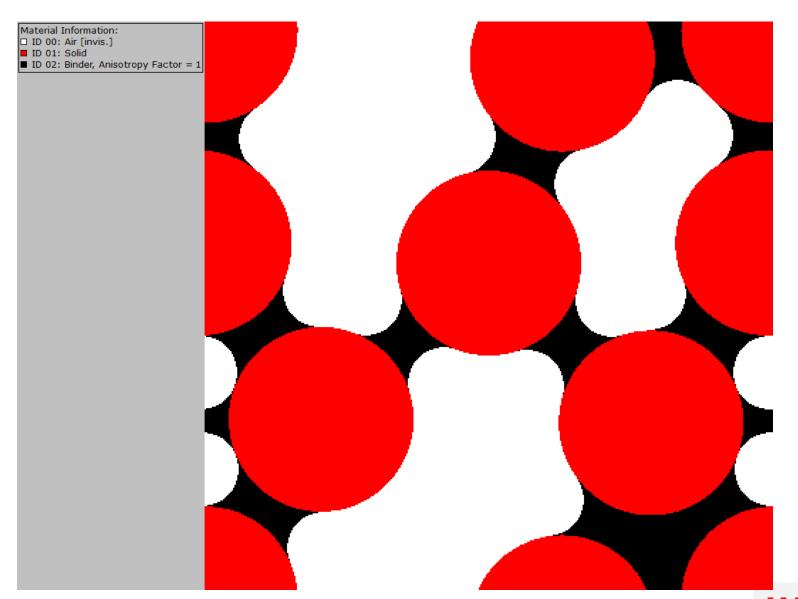
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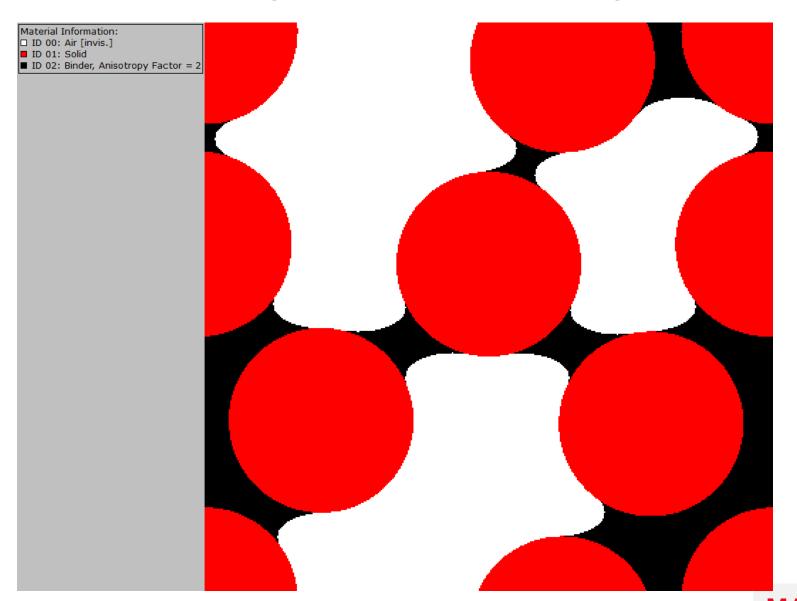
#### ADDING BINDER: CONTACT ANGLE 30°



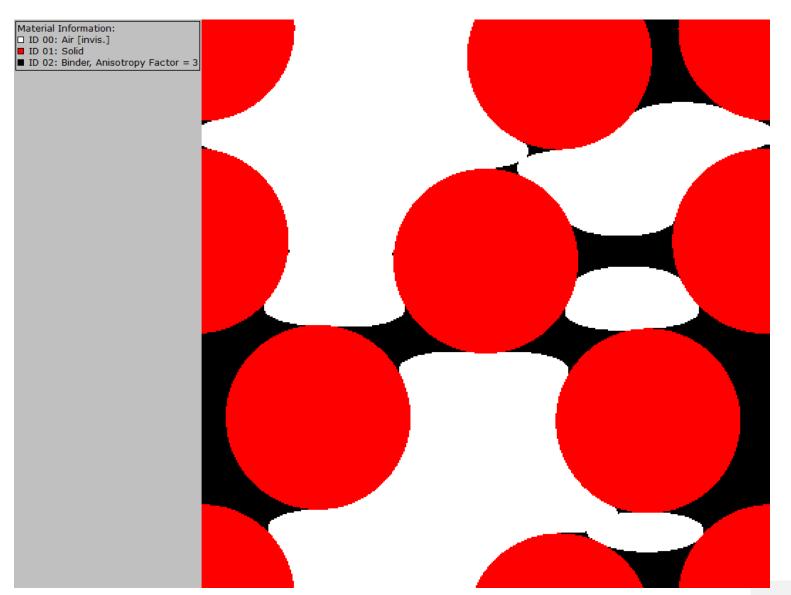
# ISOTROPIC BINDER (ANISOTROPY FACTOR 1)



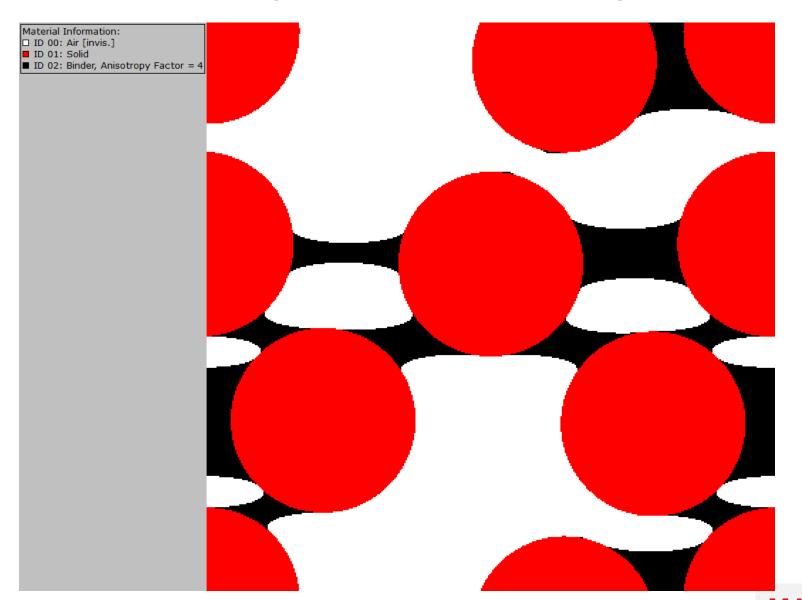
# ANSOTROPIC BINDER (ANISOTROPY FACTOR 2)



# ANSOTROPIC BINDER (ANISOTROPY FACTOR 3)

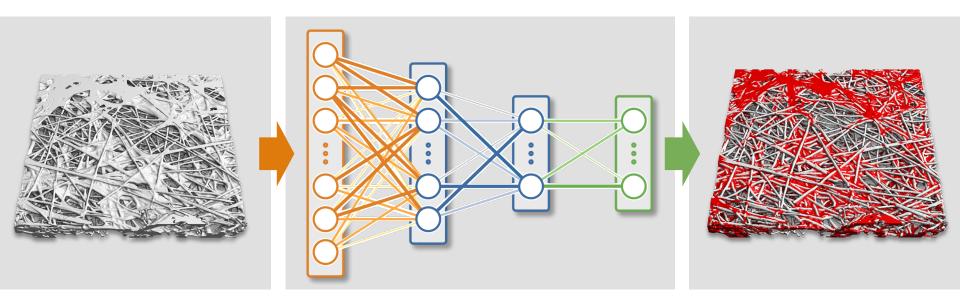


# ANSOTROPIC BINDER (ANISOTROPY FACTOR 4)



# NEURAL NETWORK (N.N.) TRAINING & USAGE PHASES

#### **GEODICT**



Training: N.N. learns edge weights from input and output

input: Digital Twin data: binarized version

output: Digital Twin data: labeled binder and fibers version

Usage: N.N. predicts labeled output from input and edge weights

input: 3D scan data: binarized

output: 3D scan data: labeled binder and fibers



# TORAY PAPER TGP-H-030, 05% WET PROOFING







# TORAY PAPER TGP-H-030, 10% WET PROOFING





# TORAY PAPER TGP-H-030, 30% WET PROOFING







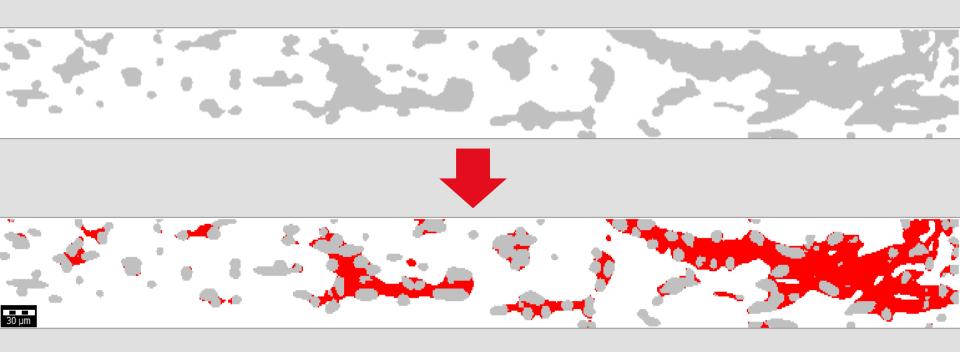
# TORAY PAPER TGP-H-030, 50% WET PROOFING





# BINDER IDENTIFICATION IN GAS DIFFUSION LAYER

Crossection in X-Direction:

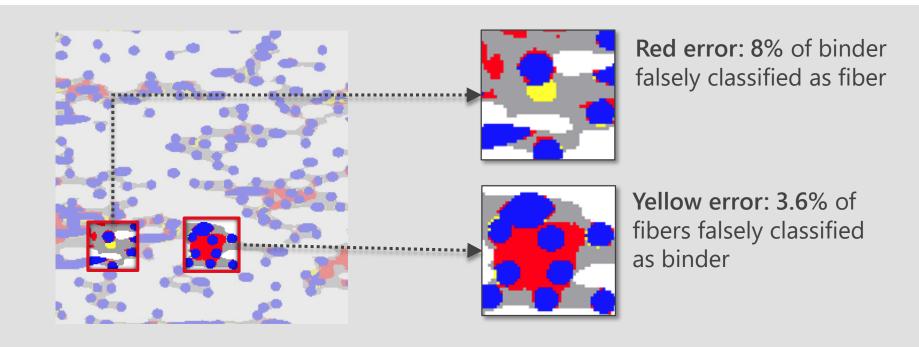


Idea: Maybe create 3-D Digital Twins from 2-D images using AI in the future?



# VALIDATION – MISSCLASSIFICATION ANALYSIS OF BINDER / FIBERS

#### **GEODICT**



Direct comparison of ground truth Digital Twin to n.n. result

- Blue/gray/white: correctly identified fiber/binder/pore
- Total binder volume percentages: True 13.1%, predicted 11.5%

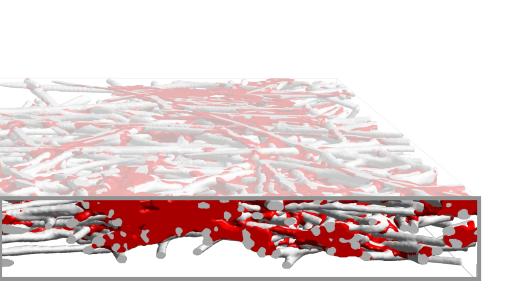


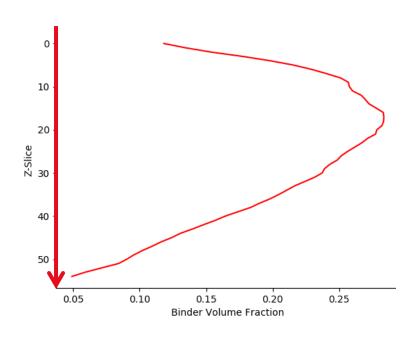
#### **EXAMPLES OF COMPUTABLE QUANTITIES**

- Grammage / volume percentages: total, binder only or fibers only
- Binder distribution in through-plane and in-plane directions
- Size-distribution of binder points
- Total number of binder blobs/components
- Output of binder or fibers as triangulation (.stl), CAD (.dxf), etc.
- Number of contact points per fiber
- Length of individual fibers
- Curvature distribution along individual fibers



#### BINDER DISTRIBUTION IN Z DIRECTION



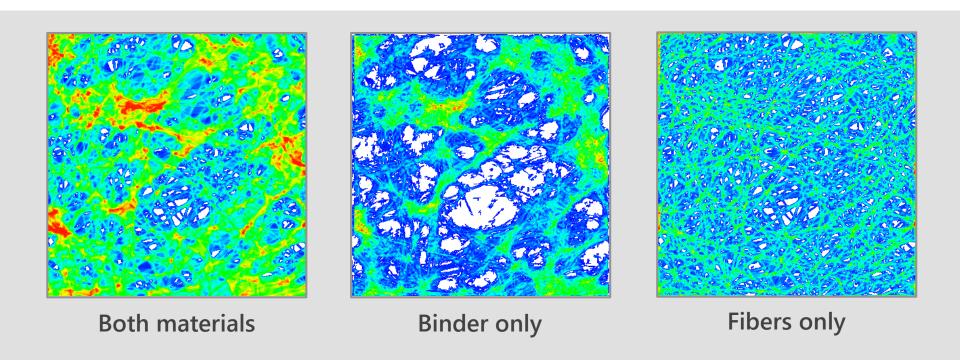


- In production, binder is applied to the top of the fiber and, then, intrudes into deeper layers
- After labelling binder voxels, we can compute the distribution of binder in through direction (right)



# IN-PLANE MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION (MATDICT)

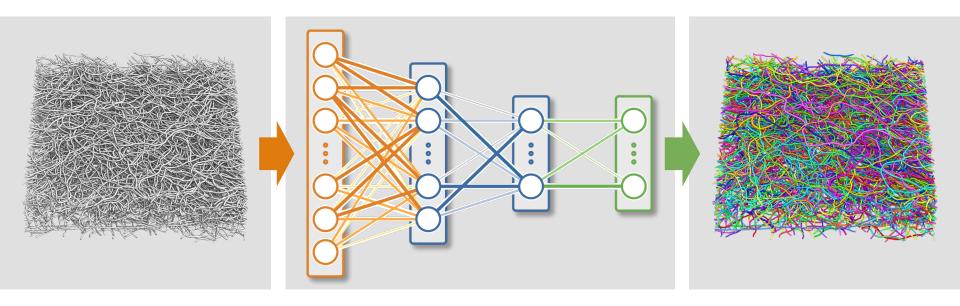
### **GEODICT**



Scale: White: 0% volume fraction, Red: 7.2% volume fraction

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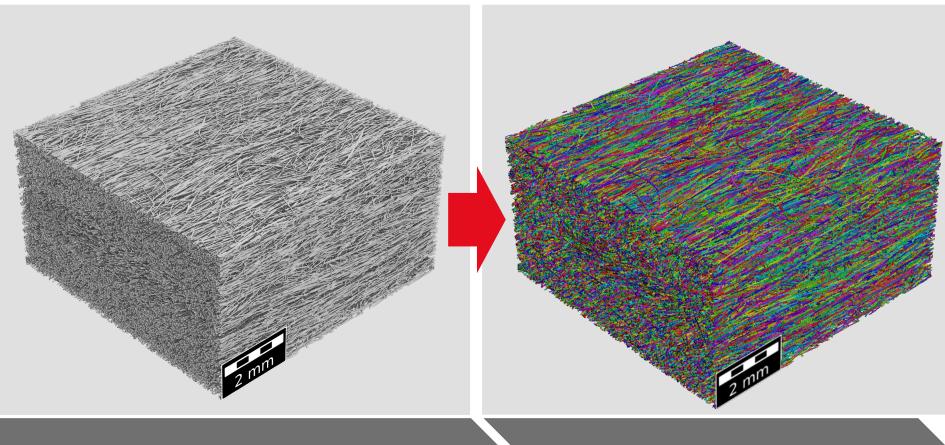
input: 3D scan data: binarized

output: 3D scan data: labeled fibers



#### CT SCAN OF FIBER REINFORCED COMPOSITE

### **GEODICT**



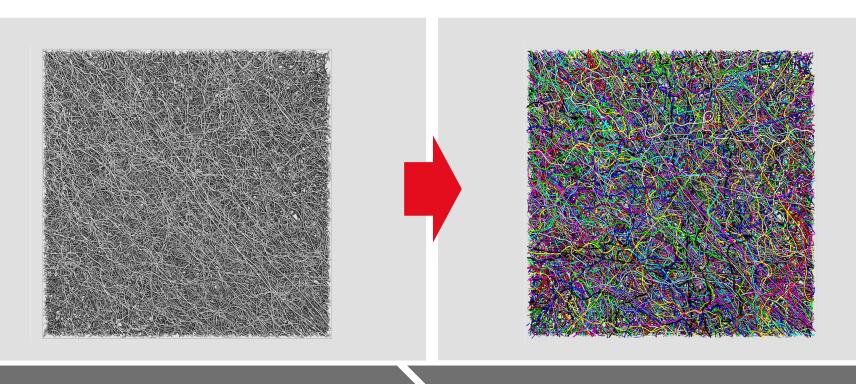
Input: segmented µCT scan

Output: labeled fibers



#### **CT** SCAN OF NONWOVEN

# **GEODICT**



Input: segmented µCT-Scan

Output: labeled fibers



# MORE EXAMPLES OF COMPUTABLE QUANTITIES:

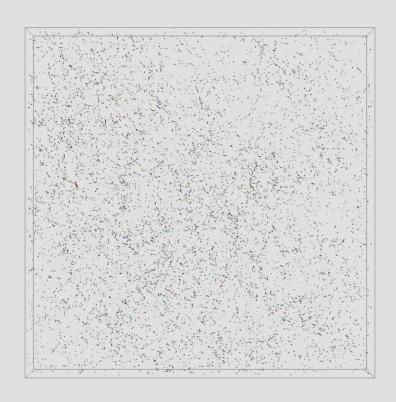
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- Curvature distribution along individual fibers
- Fiber orientation distribution



# **DETECTION OF 14995 BOND POIN**

### **GEODICT**





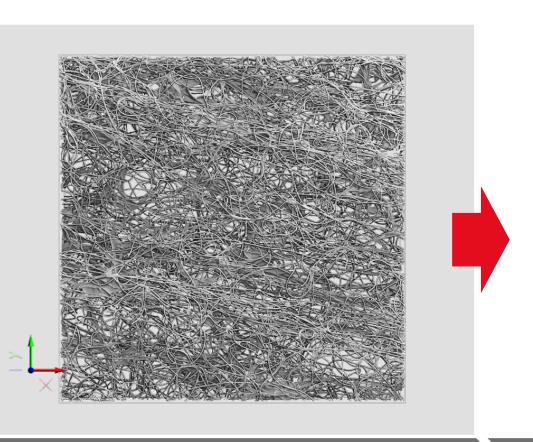
Input: labeled individual fibers

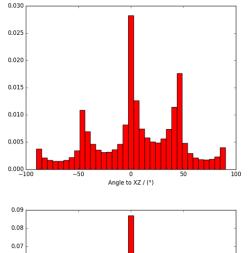
Output: labeled individual bonds



#### **ORIENTATION ANALYSIS**

### **GEODICT**





0.08
0.07
0.06
0.05
0.04
0.03
0.02
0.01
0.00
-50
Angle to XY / (\*)

Input: segmented CT scan

**Output: orientation plots** 

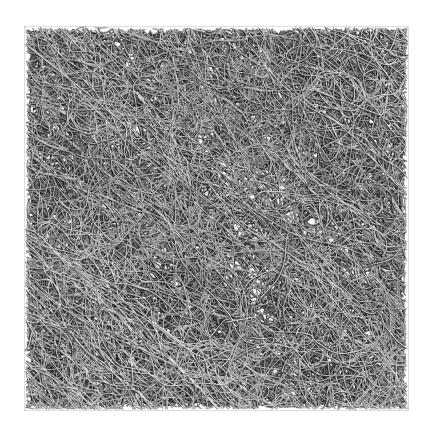


### VIRTUAL TWINS WITH GEODICT

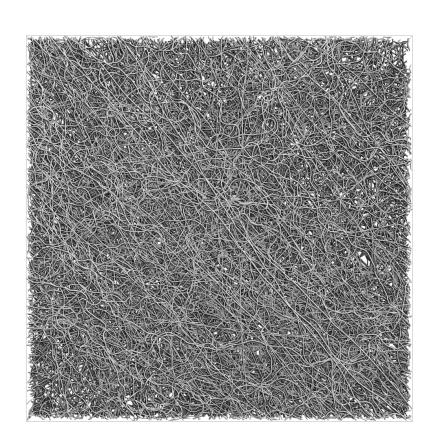
- Next three slides show manually created statistical (digital) twins
- This is right now one of the bottle necks: n.n. need models close to the real data
- One of the future works is to use generative adversary networks g.a.n.
   to create the models
- Another future work is the creation of gray value images from models that include the typical artefacts like rings and noise to use as left side in the training and usage phases of FiberFind-AI.



# CT-SCAN VS DIGITAL TWIN GENERATED IN GEODICT



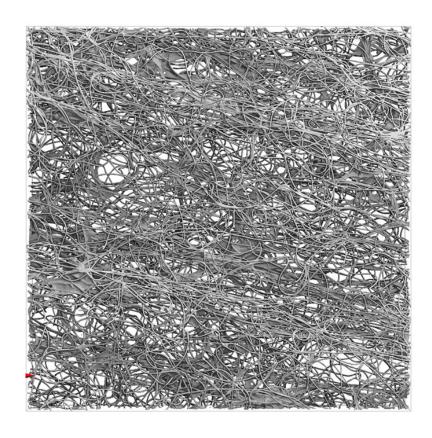
μCT-scan



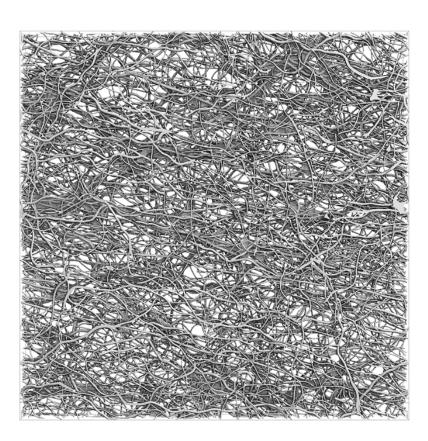
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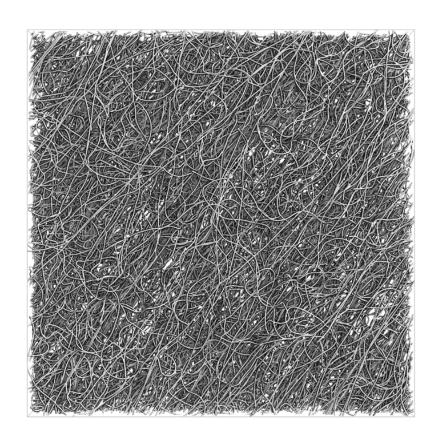
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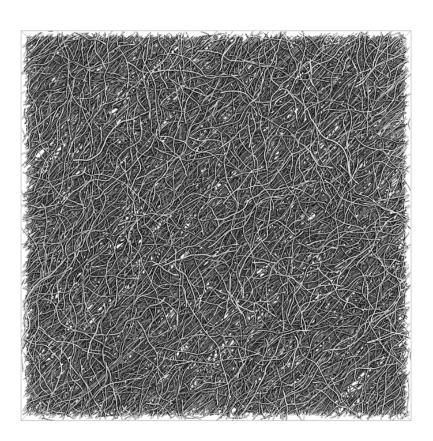
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μCT-scan



**Digital Twin** 



## ANALYSIS OF 2 LARGEST SAMPLES SO FAR

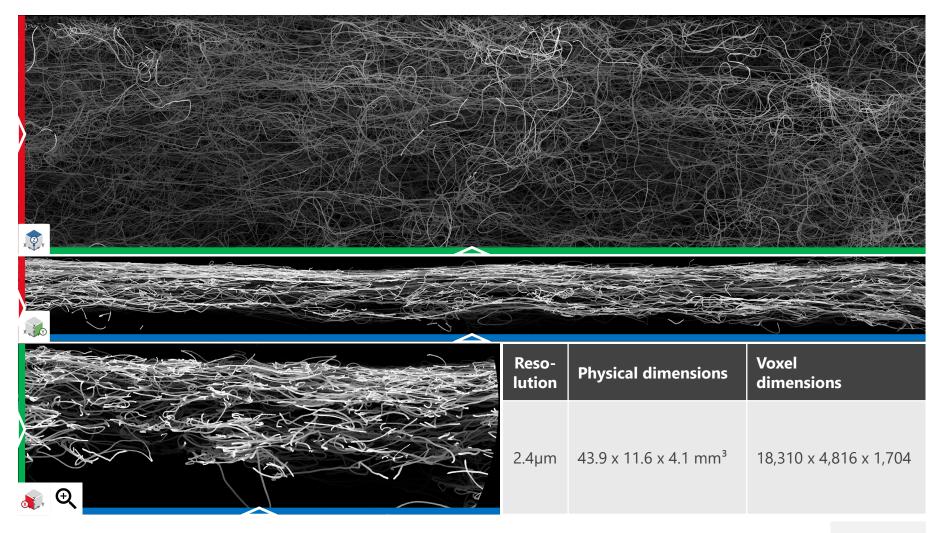


Sample Name	Resolution	Physical dimensions	Domain sizes in voxels
A	2.4µm	43.9 x 11.6 x 4.1 mm	18,310 x 4,816 x 1,704 = 150 Giga Vox
В	2.7µm	42.2 x 10.9 x 4.8 mm	15,619 x 4,032 x 1,796 = 113 Giga Vox

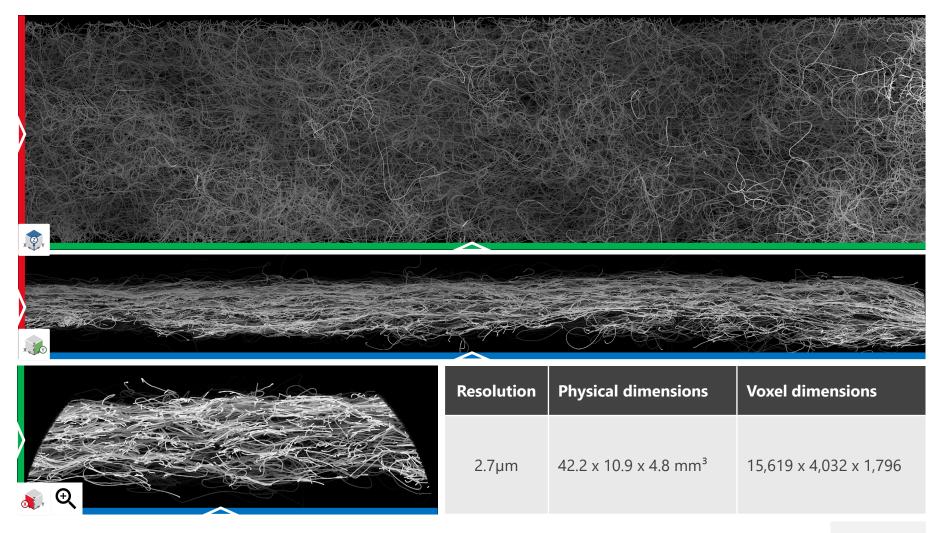
- Carded nonwoven samples
- Scanned and stitched together by Bruker microCT
- Analyzed by Math2Market on workstation with 1TB of memory



## SAMPLE A - SEM VIEW



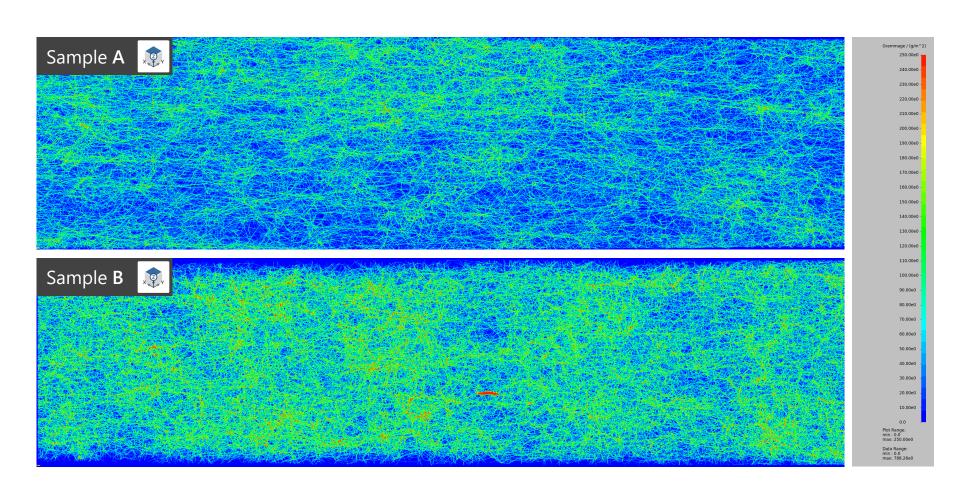
## SAMPLE B - SEM VIEW



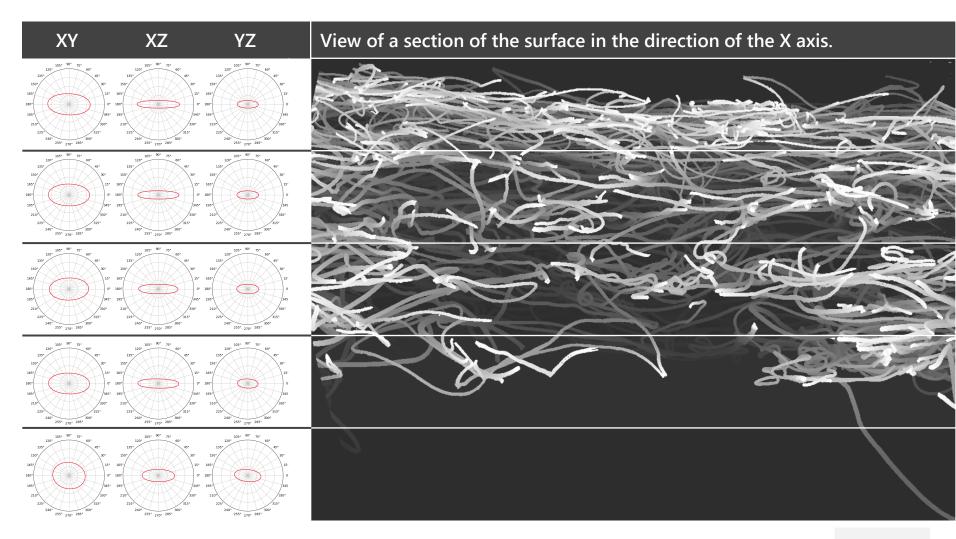




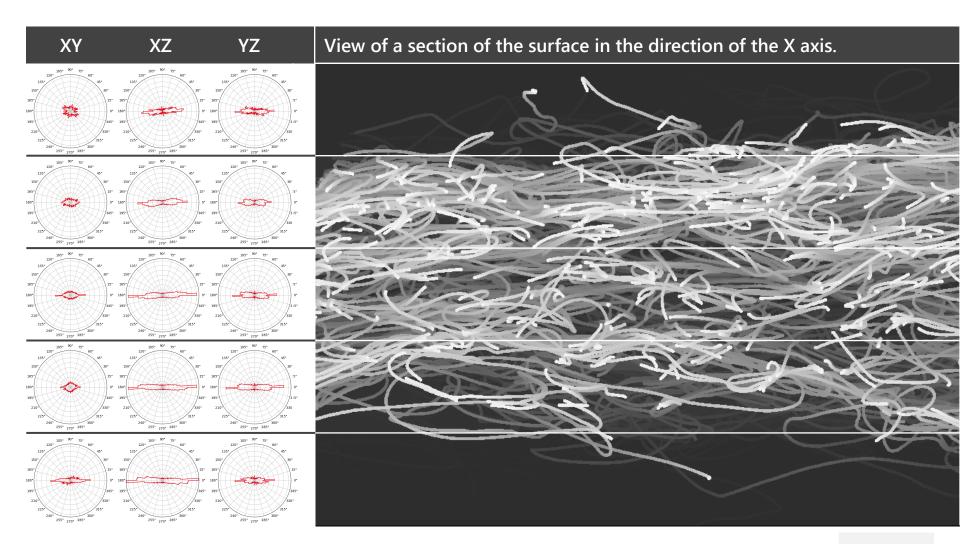
# **DENSITY MAP (CLOUDINESS)**



## FIBER ORIENTATIONS - SAMPLE A



## FIBER ORIENTATIONS — SAMPLE B



## FIBER IDENTIFICATION ON SAMPLE B

## **GEODICT**

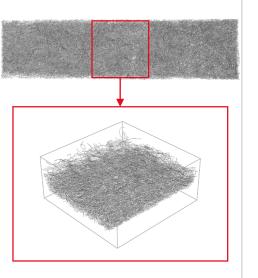
### Sample B

#### Labeling of fibers

#### Data becomes information

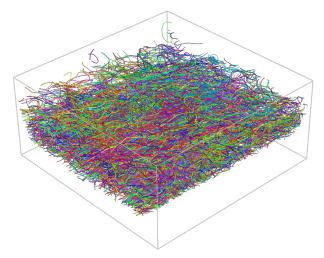
FiberFind was used on the complete sample.

Process is explained on a smaller cutout

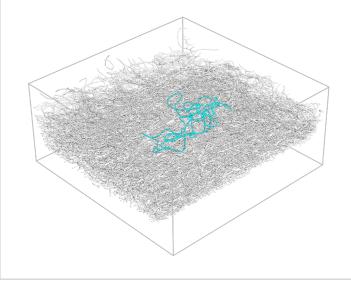


The artificial intelligence separates the solid voxels in the image data into individual fibers.

Each fiber becomes an independent, modifiable object which can be treated independently.



Geometric information, such as fiber length, fiber segment orientation and fiber diameter, can be read directly from the object.





### **CONCLUSIONS**

- Neural networks separate binder and fibers and identify individual fibers
  - based on learning shapes
- N.N. can label multi-material scans where materials can not be separated by thresholding or classical image processing
- N.N. require training data consisting of segmented and labeled scans
- These can be created easily using material models from GeoDict
  - Models continuously improve, e.g. by improving the binder model
- We continue to improve the capabilities by
  - Increasing the fidelity
  - Speeding up the computations
  - Extending the capabilities to other types of materials
  - Placing the capability to train N.N.s in your hands

